



# Outdoor Faucet Cover in a Hurry

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## TOOLS:

- [1/4" drill bit \(1\)](#)
- [Gloves \(1\)](#)
- [Scissors \(1\)](#)
- [Wire cutter/stripper \(1\)](#)
- [hand-held electric drill \(1\)](#)



## PARTS:

- [small roll of thin fiberglass insulation \(1\)](#)
- [2' metal wire or coat hanger \(1\)](#)
- [4" diameter round plastic container \(1\)](#)

## SUMMARY

It's rare to get very low temperatures where I live, but last winter the temperature was low enough to freeze and burst pipes. After thawing my pipes, I needed outdoor faucet covers fast, but the hardware store was sold out. With an empty drink mix container as the base, I was able to make comparable faucet covers from items I had around the house. It takes about 10 minutes to make each cover.

## Step 1 — Outdoor Faucet Cover in a Hurry



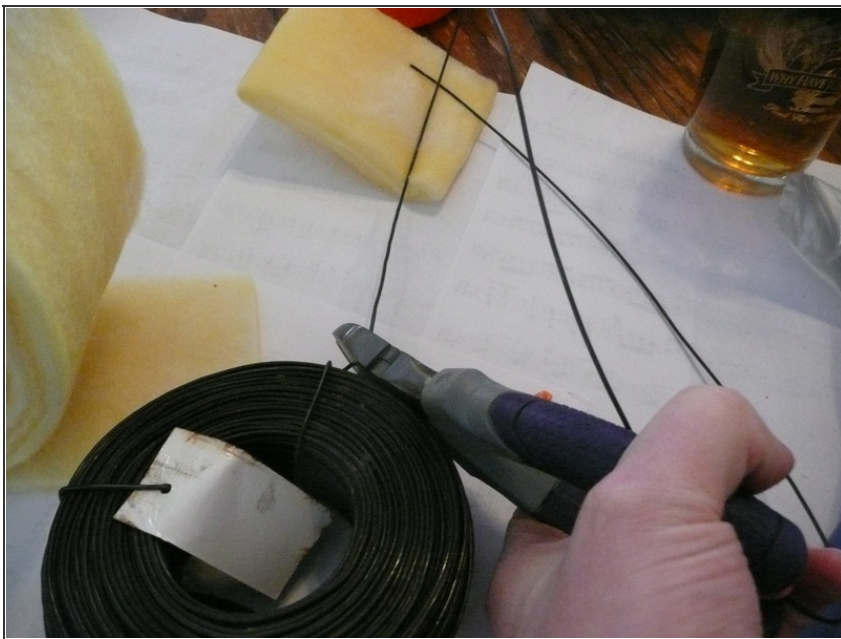
- For tools, you will need scissors, gloves, wire cutters, and an electric drill with a 1/4" drill bit. Beer is optional.
- For materials, you will need a large diameter plastic container, in this case I had an empty Gatorade can. I picked up a \$5 roll of fiberglass pipe insulation from the hardware store, and had a roll of fence wire on hand. Also, you will need several feet of duct tape or similar waterproof tape.
- In a pinch, you could substitute cloth for the batting, such as a pair of worn socks, and use a straightened coat hanger for the wire.

## Step 2



- Using a drill, bore a 1/4" hole in the bottom of the plastic jug near the side.

## Step 3



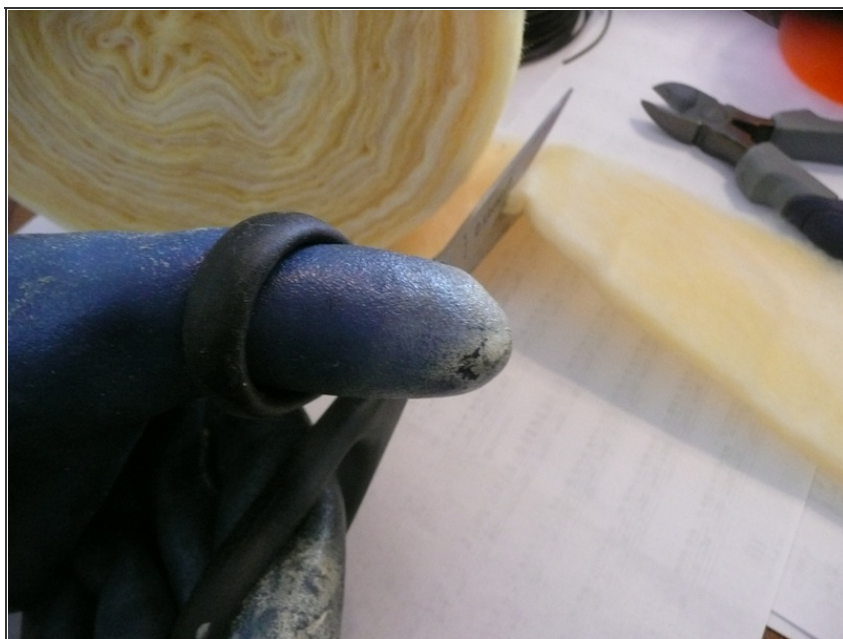
- Cut a 2' length of wire with wire cutters.

## Step 4



- Fold wire in half with a tight bend, and insert the bent end into the hole from the bottom. This wire will secure the cover to the faucet body.

## Step 5



- With your gloves on, cut several strips of insulation, a short strip 6" long and two longer strips 12" long.
- The short strip will insulate the bottom of the jug and the longer strips will insulate the inside and create an air seal around the faucet head.



## Step 6



- Fold the small length of insulation and stuff into the bottom of the jug.

## Step 7



- Wrap one of the longer lengths of insulation around the inside bottom, and another around the inside top, protruding about an inch past the jug lid.
- The folded wire sticks out past the jug lid another 4" or so, in order to make it easy to loop around the faucet head later.

## Step 8



- Wrap duct tape around the outside of the jug, and around the protruding insulation to protect it from getting wet.
- To install on a faucet head (pictured), loop the folded wire around part of the faucet and push the jug against the faucet, pulling excess wire through the back.
- Take the two wire ends sticking out, and fold around opposite sides of the jug, meeting at the top side.
- Twist wires together where they meet, and secure your faucet cover.
- Optionally paint cover to match your house if you don't like the chic look of duct-taped junk.

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With some creativity and some junk, you can quickly make custom faucet covers that fit your faucet better than the cheap ones available at your local hardware store.

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